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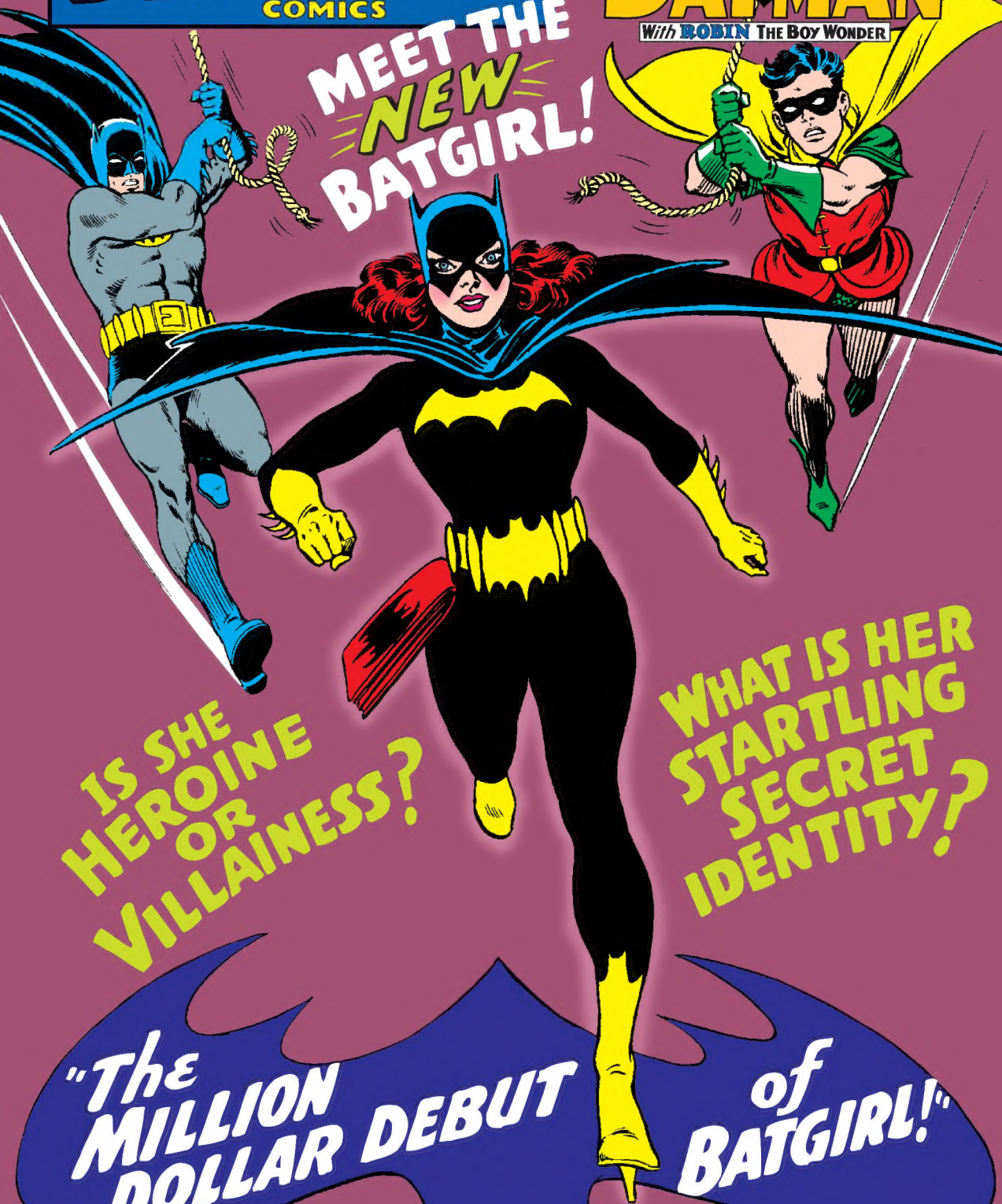
# DETECTIVE

COMICS

# BATMAN

With **ROBIN** THE BOY WONDER

MEET THE  
**NEW**  
BATGIRL!



IS SHE  
HEROINE  
OR  
VILLAINESS?

WHAT IS HER  
STARTLING  
SECRET  
IDENTITY?

"The  
MILLION  
DOLLAR DEBUT

of  
BATGIRL!"

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# BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

INTRODUCING  
THE NEW  
BATGIRL



OUT OF THE SUPER-STAR STUDDLED  
FIRMAMENT OF GOTHAM CITY,  
WHERE BATMAN AND ROBIN  
SHINE SUPREME AS MASKED  
MANHUNTERS-- BURSTS A BRAND  
NEW LUMINARY-- BATGIRL!  
AND LIKE THAT VERY BATMAN  
AFTER WHOM SHE MODELS HERSELF--  
SHE TOO BATTLES CRIME AND IN-  
JUSTICE IN A MANNER WONDROUS  
ENOUGH FOR NEWSPAPERS TO  
PROCLAIM IN BANNER HEADLINES--

## "THE MILLION DOLLAR DEBUT OF BATGIRL!"

NOW THAT I'VE GOT BATGIRL  
OUT OF THE WAY, I CAN GIVE MY  
FULL ATTENTION TO MY OLD  
NEMESIS, BATMAN!

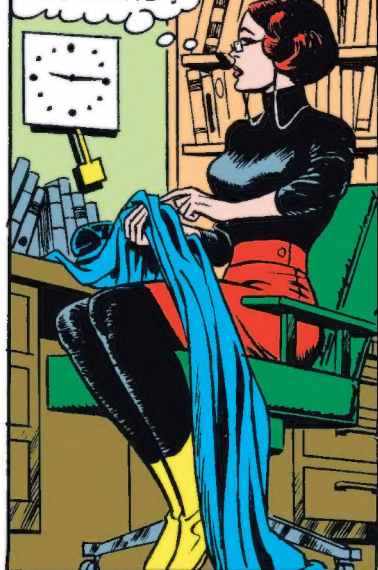
WHO IS THIS NEW  
BATGIRL WHO SEEMS  
TO HAVE TAKEN OVER  
MY CRIME-FIGHTING  
TERRITORY?





IN THE **GOtham CITY LIBRARY** AFTER CLOSING HOURS, BARBARA GORDON, LIBRARIAN AND DAUGHTER OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON, IS IN STITCHES ...

LOOK AT THE TIME ! I BETTER FINISH MY COSTUME FOR THE **POLICEMAN'S MASQUERADE BALL** TONIGHT--AND GET GOING !



SHORTLY, SHE SLIPS INTO A LARGE CLOSET WHICH SHE HAS CONVERTED INTO A DRESSING ROOM ...

THE WHOLE WORLD THINKS I'M JUST A PLAIN JANE--A COLORLESS FEMALE 'BRAIN' ! I'LL SHOW THEM A FAR MORE IMPOSING GIRL TONIGHT !



A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION ...

WELL!!! THIS "**BATGIRL**" COSTUME REALLY **DOES** THINGS FOR ME ! I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR THE MID-NIGHT UNMASKING HOUR--AND THE **SHOCK** I'LL GIVE DAD !

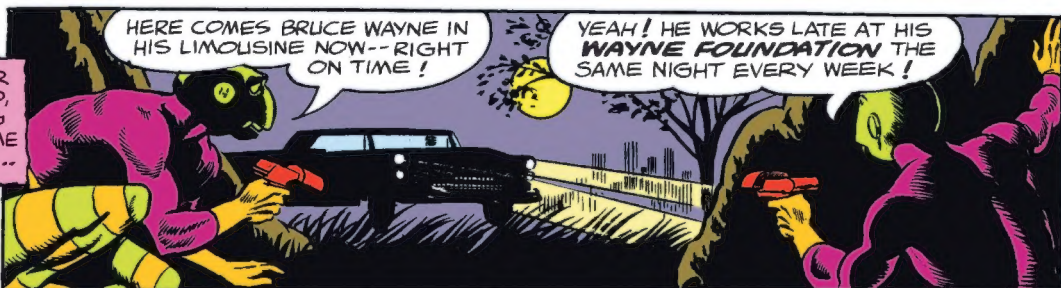


SOON SHE IS DRIVING ALONG THE SUBURBAN HIGHWAY TOWARD THE HOTEL WHERE THE MASQUE BALL IS BEING HELD ...



I MADE MY PH.D. AT **GOtham STATE UNIVERSITY** ! I GRADUATED **SUMMA CUM LAUDE** ! I WEAR A BROWN BELT AT JUDO ! BUT TONIGHT WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY LIFE !

NOT FAR AHEAD, ALONG THE SAME ROAD...



HERE COMES BRUCE WAYNE IN HIS LIMOUSINE NOW--RIGHT ON TIME !

YEAH ! HE WORKS LATE AT HIS **WAYNE FOUNDATION** THE SAME NIGHT EVERY WEEK !

GLISTENING STRANDS OF GOOEY SUBSTANCE LEAP FROM THE WEAPONS OF THE MOTH-MEN--WRAP THE WAYNE LIMOUSINE IN COCOON-LIKE FOLDS...



WE STOPPED IT COLD ! NOW LET'S KNOCK WAYNE THE SAME WAY !



EVEN AS A DOOR OF THE LIMOUSINE IS OPENED AND MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE YANKED OUT..

OH!! COSTUMED MEN GANGING UP ON THAT DRIVER! I'VE GOT TO HELP HIM!

SCREEE!

WHY--THAT'S **BRUCE WAYNE** THEY'RE ATTACKING --DADDY'S MILLIONAIRE FRIEND! HE'S ALWAYS REGARDED ME AS A MOUSEY SORT OF PERSON! I WONDER WHAT HE'D SAY IF HE KNEW WHO IT WAS COMING TO RESCUE HIM! I'LL DISGUISE MY VOICE--SO HE DOESN'T RECOGNIZE IT!

MAKE A RUN FOR IT, MR. WAYNE-- BEFORE YOU GET HURT! **BATGIRL** WILL HANDLE THESE HUMAN MOTHS!

WHO'S THIS?

THAT'S A BREAK! IT'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO RUN JUST FAR ENOUGH TO CHANGE INTO MY **BATMAN** COSTUME UNOBSERVED! THAT--er-- **NEW BATGIRL** MAY NOT BE AS GOOD AS SHE THINKS SHE IS!

I'M A **FIRST KYU** JUDO EXPERT, BOYS-- AS I'M WILLING TO DEMONSTRATE!

HEY!! WHATTA WE GOT HOLD OF HERE?

YA MEAN-- WHAT'S GOT HOLD OF US!





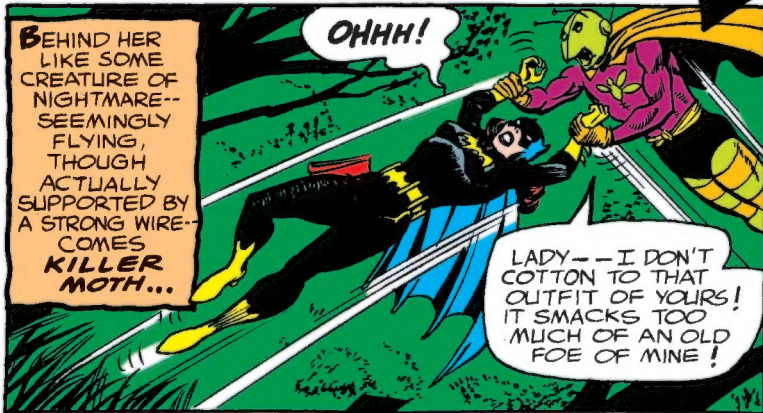
NOW TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCH--

**KLUNK!**

BUT--HELD ON THAT ALMOST INVISIBLE WIRE THAT REELS HIM UPWARD AND AWAY FROM DANGER-- **KILLER MOTH** RETREATS SKYWARD...

HE'S GETTING AWAY! AFTER HIM, **BATMAN!**

NO WAY TO DO THAT NOW! FOR THE MOMENT ALL I CAN DO IS FREE YOU-- AND SEE THAT THOSE MOTH-MEN OF HIS ARE TAKEN TO JAIL!



BEHIND HER LIKE SOME CREATURE OF NIGHTMARE-- SEEMINGLY FLYING, THOUGH ACTUALLY SUPPORTED BY A STRONG WIRE-- COMES **KILLER MOTH...**

**OHHH!**

LADY-- I DON'T COTTON TO THAT OUTFIT OF YOURS! IT SMACKS TOO MUCH OF AN OLD FOE OF MINE!

YES! THIS IS THAT LETHAL LEPIDOPTERON WHOSE EXPLOITS HAVE MADE HIM A PRIME ENEMY OF THE **CAPED CRUSADER!** HAVING BURST FROM THE COCOON OF STATE PRISON-- HE IS BACK AT HIS OLD FLITTING GROUNDS...

THEN--OUT OF THE NIGHT-TIME DARKNESS A MIGHTY FIST SWINGING LIKE A SLEDGEHAMMER...

STUCK FAST-- CAN'T GET LOOSE--

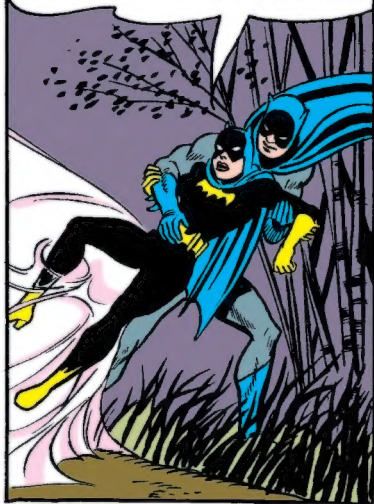
YOU BETTER STICK TO **MY** KNITTING ON THAT COCOON WHILE MY MOTH-MOB ROUNDS UP BRUCE WAYNE!





HER EYES SPARKLE ! HER BREATH COMES FASTER ! HER HEART THUMPS WITH ALARMING SPEED ! BABS GORDON IS HAVING THE TIME OF HER LIFE -- FULLY ALIVE TO THIS NEW EXCITEMENT AND DANGER -- AND LOVING IT ! ...

**BATMAN-- BRUCE WAYNE** IS IN DEADLY DANGER ! THOSE MOTH-MEN WERE ABOUT TO BEAT HIM UP WHEN I HAPPENED ALONG ! **KILLER MOTH** IS BOUND TO TRY AGAIN...



I'LL TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE OF BRUCE WAYNE, MA'AM ! BUT WHO ARE **YOU ?** HOW COME YOU'RE WEARING THAT-- THAT **BATGIRL** COSTUME ?

I WAS GOING TO THE POLICE-MEN'S BALL-- BUT I CAN'T NOW ! MY COSTUME'S A **MESS !** AS FOR MY SECRET IDENTITY--I'LL EXCHANGE MINE FOR YOURS...



NO DEAL ! I THOUGHT NOT !

FOR ALL I KNOW THIS MARKS THE DEBUT AND FAREWELL APPEARANCE OF **BATGIRL !** IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED...

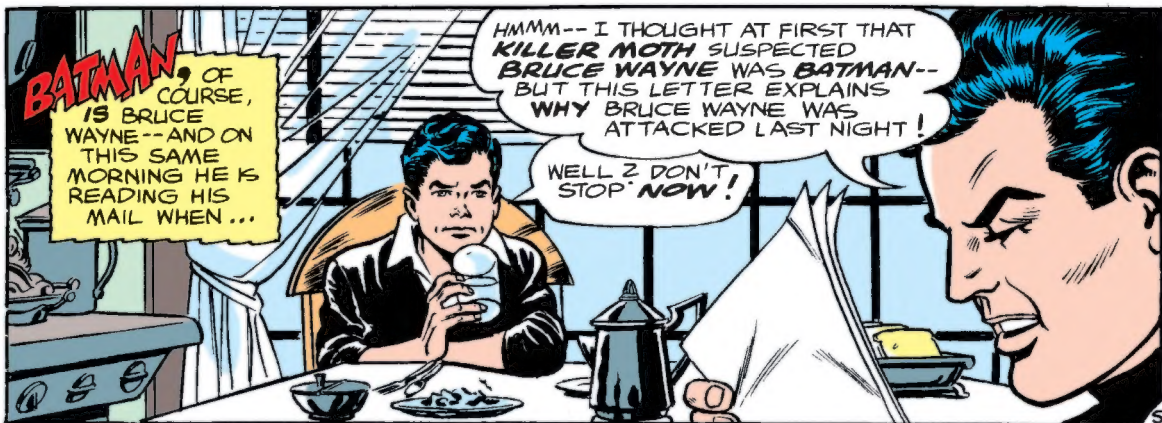


NEXT DAY, DR. BARBARA GORDON TRIES TO LOSE HERSELF IN THE MUNDANE WORLD OF THE LIBRARY...



I ALMOST WISH I D NEVER MADE THAT **BATGIRL** COSTUME ! NOW MY LIFE SEEMS EMPTY AND HUMDRUM ! I HOPE **BATMAN** IS GUARDING BRUCE WAYNE -- AND I WISH I WERE THERE TO HELP ...

**BATMAN**, OF COURSE, IS BRUCE WAYNE -- AND ON THIS SAME MORNING HE IS READING HIS MAIL WHEN ...



HMMM-- I THOUGHT AT FIRST THAT **KILLER MOTH** SUSPECTED **BRUCE WAYNE** WAS **BATMAN**-- BUT THIS LETTER EXPLAINS WHY **BRUCE WAYNE** WAS ATTACKED LAST NIGHT !

WELL ? DON'T STOP NOW !

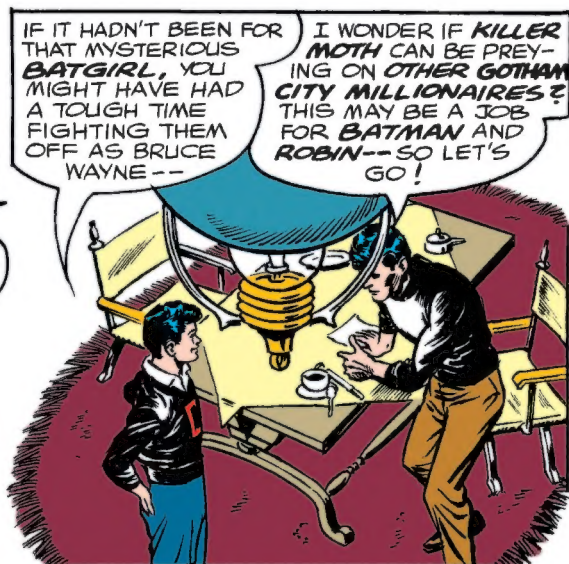




HIS WARD DICK (ROBIN) GRAYSON LISTENS EAGERLY AS...

THIS LETTER IS FROM **KILLER MOTH**--TELLING ME THAT WHAT HAPPENED TO ME AS BRUCE WAYNE LAST NIGHT WAS JUST A SAMPLE OF WHAT **WILL** HAPPEN--UNLESS I PAY HIM \$100,000 IN CASH TONIGHT!

**WOWW!**  
THE OLD PROTECTION RACKET--IN SPADES!



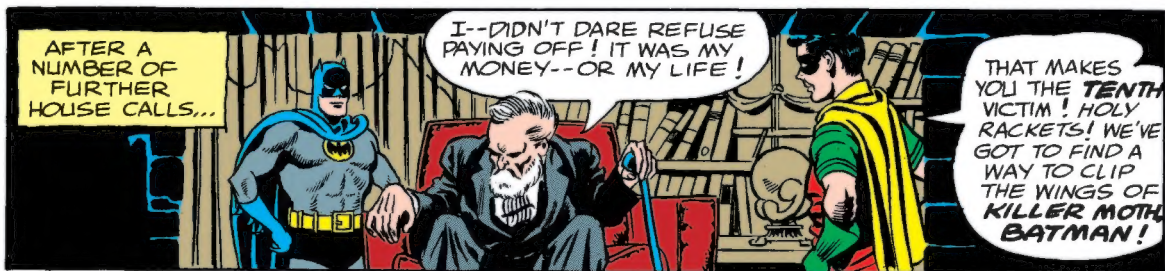
IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT MYSTERIOUS **BATGIRL**, YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD A TOUGH TIME FIGHTING THEM OFF AS BRUCE WAYNE --

I WONDER IF **KILLER MOTH** CAN BE PREYING ON **OTHER GOTHAM CITY MILLIONAIRES**? THIS MAY BE A JOB FOR **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**--SO LET'S GO!



SOON, A SECRET VISIT TO THE HOME OF MILLIONAIRE BURTON TALBOT...

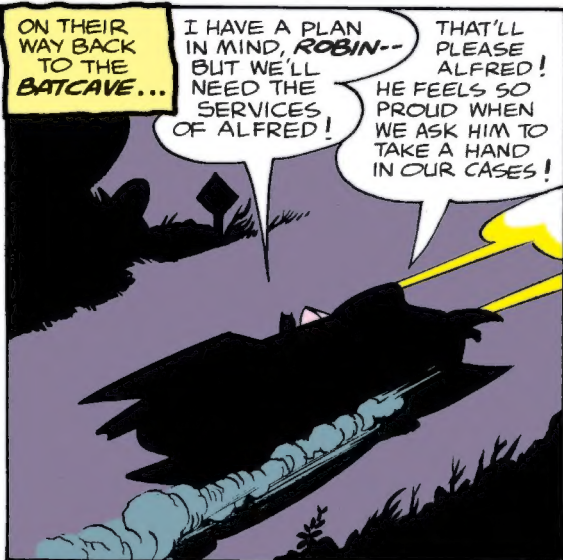
I'D NEVER TELL THIS TO THE **POLKE** BECAUSE **KILLER MOTH** WARNED ME OF THE CONSEQUENCES--BUT I CAN CONFIDE IN YOU, **BATMAN**! YES--I WAS BRUTALLY BEATEN UP AND I DID PAY OUT THAT \$100,000!



AFTER A NUMBER OF FURTHER HOUSE CALLS...

I--DIDN'T DARE REFUSE PAYING OFF! IT WAS MY MONEY--OR MY LIFE!

THAT MAKES YOU THE **TENTH** VICTIM! HOLY RACKETS! WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO CLIP THE WINGS OF **KILLER MOTH**, **BATMAN**!



ON THEIR WAY BACK TO THE **BATCAVE**...

I HAVE A PLAN IN MIND, **ROBIN**--BUT WE'LL NEED THE SERVICES OF ALFRED!

THAT'LL PLEASE ALFRED! HE FEELS SO PROUD WHEN WE ASK HIM TO TAKE A HAND IN OUR CASES!



AND IN THE **BATCAVE** THAT VERY EVENING...

ALFRED, TAKE THIS BAG TO THE CORNER OF MORTIMER ROAD AND WILSON LANE! I'M SUPPOSED TO DROP OFF \$100,000 IN THAT DESERTED AREA--BUT **BRUCE WAYNE** IS NOT LEAVING THIS HOUSE TILL FURTHER NOTICE!

VERY GOOD, SIR!



NOT LONG AFTER, IN **MOTH MANSION...**

**SO!** BRUCE WAYNE ADVISES ME HE WON'T PAY! HE'S GOING TO STAY PUT IN HIS HOUSE-- SURROUNDED BY THE POLICE! I WARNED HIM THAT TO TIP OFF THE COPS WOULD MEAN HIS DEATH--

AND THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GONNA BE-- eh, KILLER?

**LARVA, YOU AND PUPA** KEEP AN EYE ON WAYNE MANSION! SOONER OR LATER THOSE COPS WILL FINALLY LEAVE! WE'LL MOVE IN WHEN THEY GO! WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO BRUCE WAYNE WILL GUARANTEE US FULL COOPERATION FROM THOSE OTHER MILLIONAIRES STILL ON THE LIST!

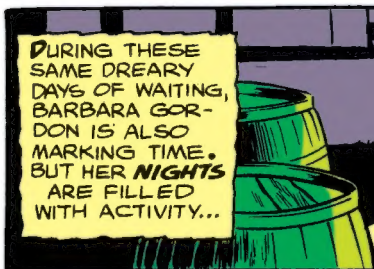
NOW BEGINS FOR THE TWO MOTH-MEN A PERIOD OF UN-RELAXING VIGILANCE...

WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR THREE DAYS-- AND HAVEN'T SIGHTED A SINGLE COP! BUT BRUCE WAYNE KEEPS HIMSELF HOLED UP IN THE HOUSE!

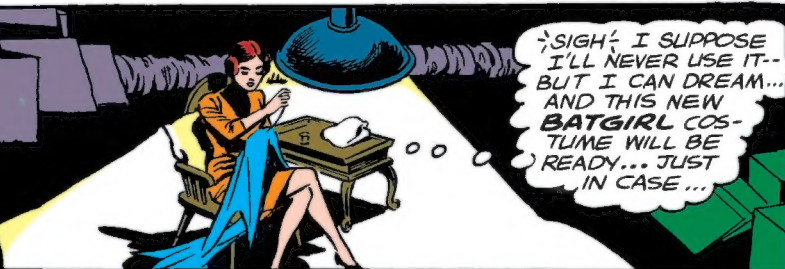
HE WAS BLUFFIN ABOUT CALLING IN THE COPS! IT'S TIME WE REPORTED TO **BOSS-MOTH!**



DURING THESE SAME DREARY DAYS OF WAITING, BARBARA GORDON IS ALSO MARKING TIME. BUT HER **NIGHTS** ARE FILLED WITH ACTIVITY...

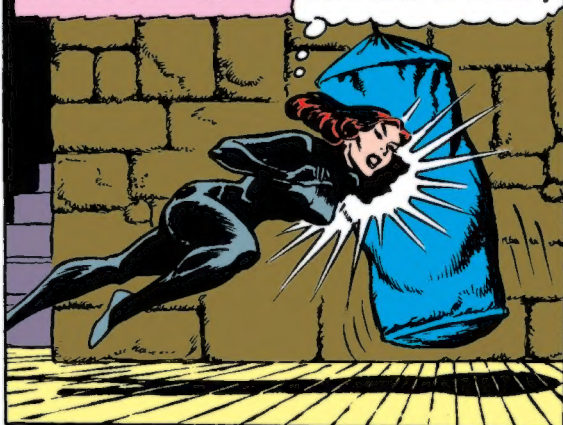


~SIGH~ I SUPPOSE I'LL NEVER USE IT-- BUT I CAN DREAM... AND THIS NEW **BATGIRL** COS-TUME WILL BE READY... JUST IN CASE...



AFTER HOURS, IN THE BASEMENT STOREROOM OF THE LIBRARY, SHE KEEPS HERSELF IN FIGHTING SHAPE...

I'M STRONGER AND HARDER THAN I'VE EVER BEEN, THANKS TO MY SPECIAL PROTEIN DIET AND INTENSIVE EXERCISE!



BUT--ALAS FOR DREAMS AND EXPECTATIONS OF HIGH ADVENTURE!-- CRASS EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES MUST ALWAYS TAKE PRECEDENCE.

THIS RARE EDITION OF THE **BAY PSALM BOOK** WHICH BRUCE WAYNE HAS BEEN AFTER ME TO GET HIM JUST ARRIVED SPECIAL DELIVERY! HE COLLECTS RARE BOOKS-- AND SOMETIMES MY CONTACTS HELP LOCATE THEM FOR HIM!





IT'S AFTER HOURS! I'LL DRIVE OUT TO WAYNE MANOR TONIGHT AND GIVE IT TO HIM PERSONALLY! THIS BOOK IS MUCH TOO VALUABLE TO LEAVE LYING ABOUT! \*

\*EDITOR'S NOTE: IN 1947 A PERFECT COPY OF THIS BOOK BROUGHT \$151,000 AT AUCTION--THE THIRD HIGHEST PRICE EVER PAID FOR A BOOK UP TO THAT TIME!

AND SO AS THE MOON PEEPS DOWN THROUGH THE TREES ON THE WAYNE ESTATE, AN HOUR LATER...

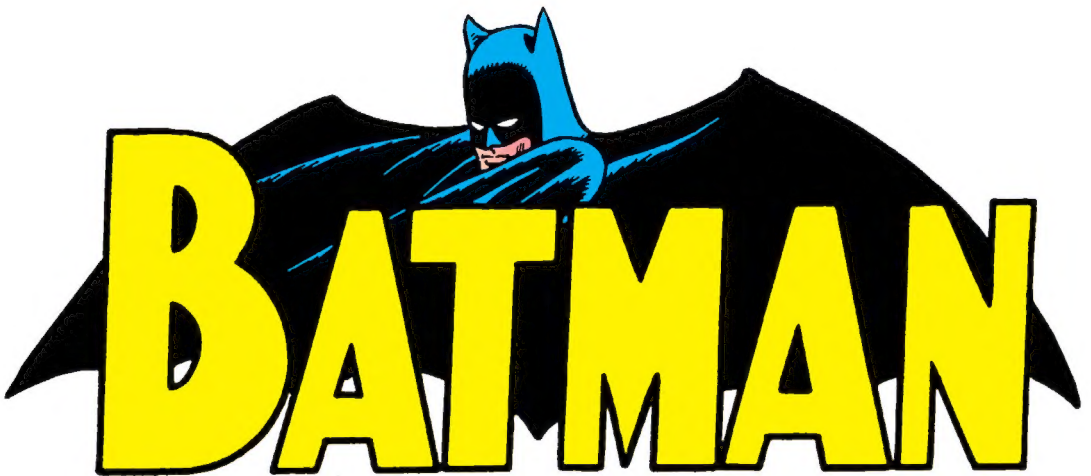
THAT SOUNDED LIKE A--GUNSHOT!

KLA-BLANN!

RACING TO THE WINDOW, THE GIRL LIBRARIAN FREEZES AS SHE SEES...

BRUCE WAYNE--MURDERED!

BRUCE WAYNE DEAD?! FOR HIS DEFIANCE OF KILLER MOTH, HE HAS APPARENTLY PAID THE SUPREME PENALTY! BUT KEEP READING... FOR THE UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE SOON TO SHAKE BATGIRL DOWN TO HER PRETTY TOES!







# MILLION DOLLAR DEBUT of BATGIRL--

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SURGING FURY FILLS THE HEART OF THE LIBRARIAN EVEN AS TEARS BRIM OVER IN HER EYES! SHE HAS WORKED FOR THIS MOMENT WHEN SHE CAN ONCE AGAIN APPEAR AS **BATGIRL**-- BUT NOW ALL THE PLEASURE HAS GONE OUT OF IT!



AS HER HANDS HIT THE ROLLED BRIM OF HER BERET, BRINGING IT DOWN OVER HER FACE AND NECK...

...SHE TOUCHES HER BOOTS, ROLLING UP THEIR FLAPS...



...HER FINGERS PULL AT HER SKIRT-- WHICH REVERSES AND BECOMES A CAPE ...



...AND HER HANDBAG REVERSES ITSELF TO FORM HER SPECIALLY-DESIGNED WEAPONS BELT...



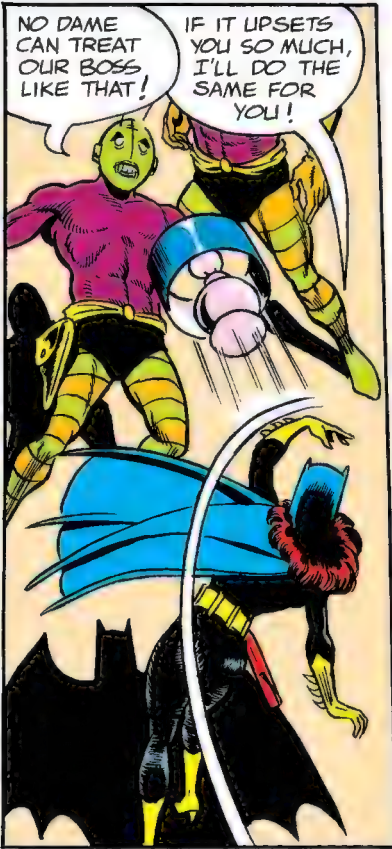
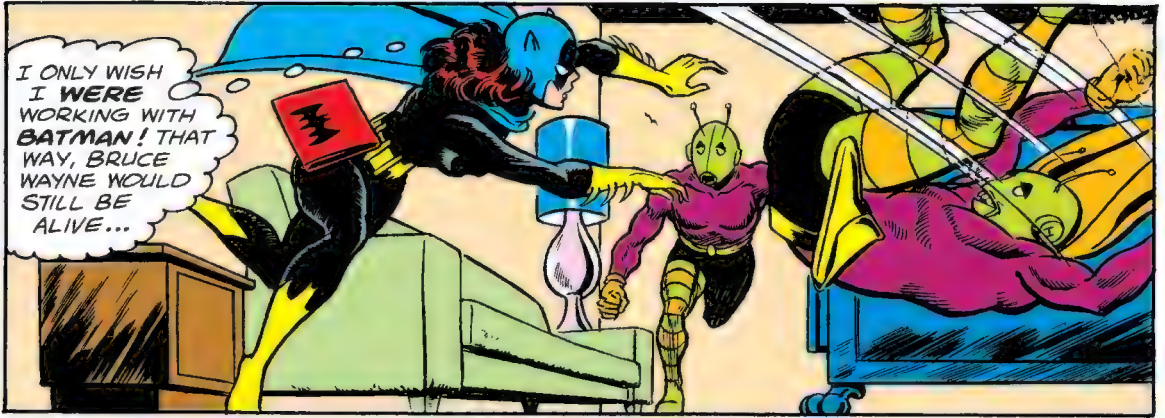
KILLER MOTH--

NO WONDER YOU PICKED THAT NAME!

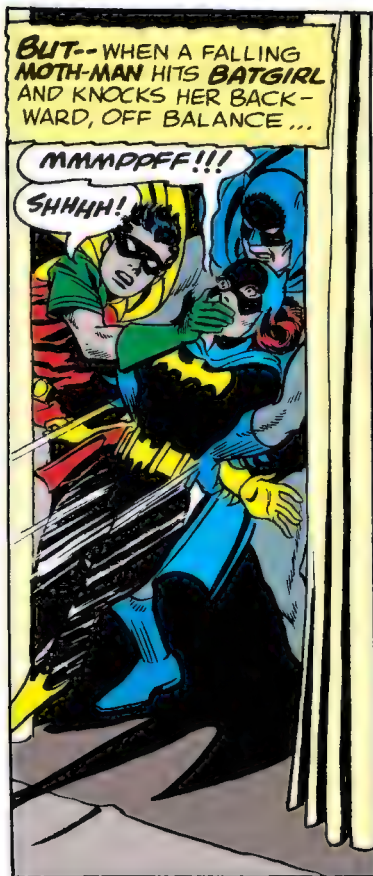
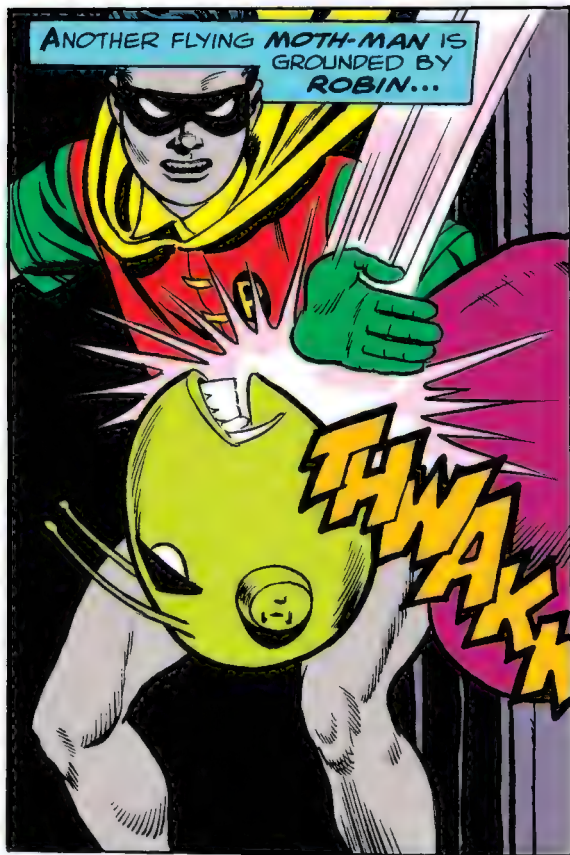
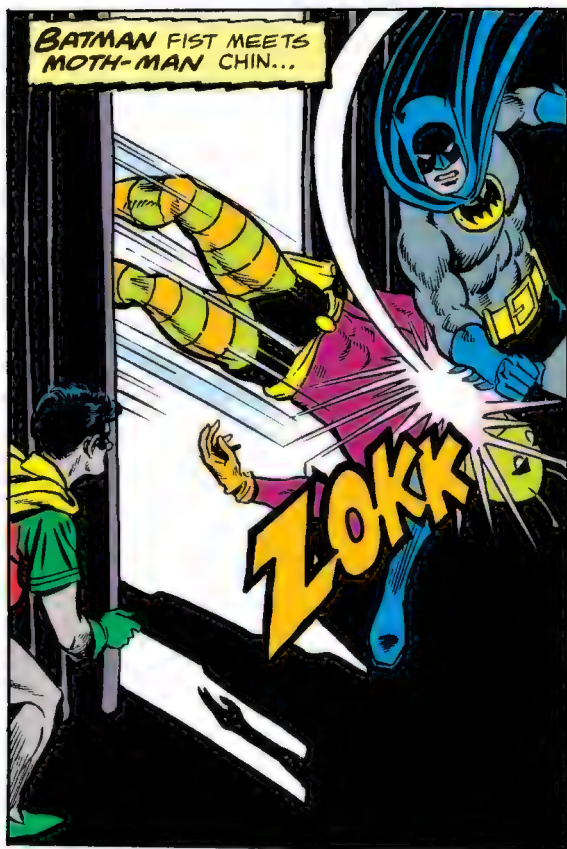
THEN THE NEW-- THE REAL-- **BATGIRL** MAKES HER FIRST APPEARANCE BEFORE THE WORLD-- AND **KILLER MOTH** AND HIS MOTH-MEN...

**BATGIRL** AGAIN-- HEYY-- A HORRIBLE THOUGHT JUST HIT ME! DO YOU SUPPOSE **SHE'S** WORKING WITH **BATMAN** THE WAY **ROBIN** DOES?

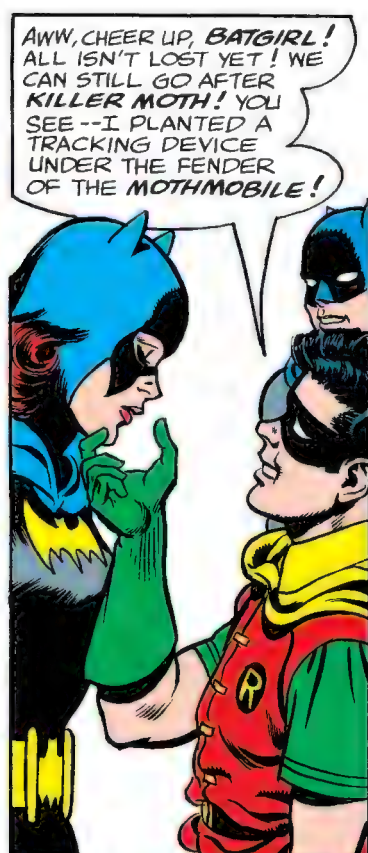






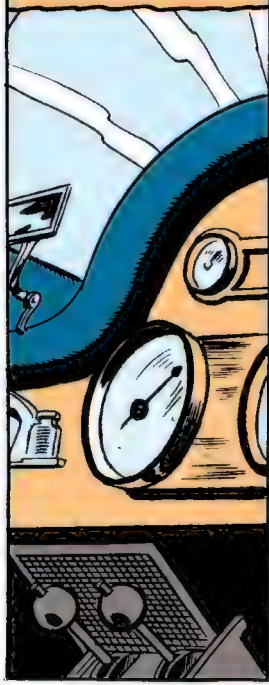




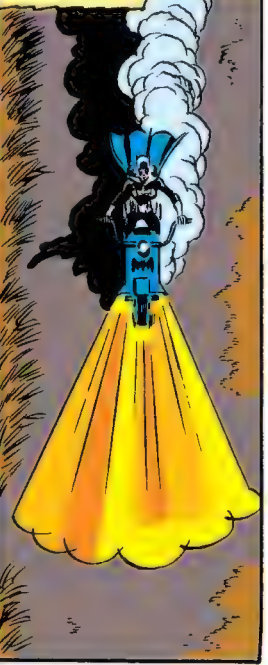




ON THE DASHBOARD OF THE **BATMOBILE** A TRACKING NEEDLE QUIVERS--TURNS--FOLLOWING THE MOVEMENTS OF THE **MOTHMOBILE**...



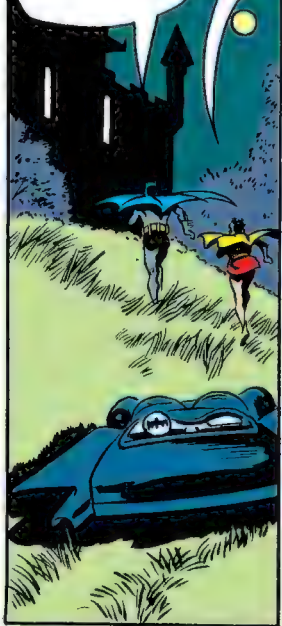
WHILE ON THE **BATBIKE**, MULTI-COLOR LIGHTS FLARE AND DIM--INDICATING TO THE **MASKED MAIDEN** WHAT ROAD TO FOLLOW IN HER SECRET PURSUIT...



OUTSIDE **MOTH MANSION**, SOON AFTERWARD...

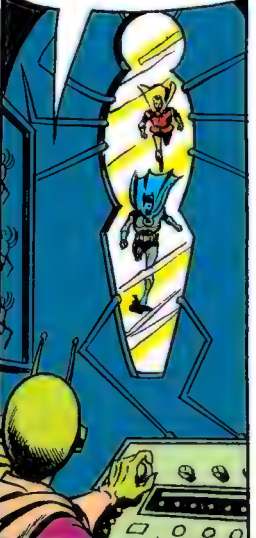
NOW LET'S SINGE THAT **KILLER MOTH** WITH A FEW CHOICE PUNCHES!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE, I "MOTH" SAY!



FROM ABOVE, KEEN EYES WATCH THE **DYNAMIC DUO** RACE INTO THE **LEPIDOPTERAL LAIR**...

I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** GOT INVOLVED IN THIS CAPER, BUT I'M READY FOR THEM WITH A TASTE OF **MOTH HOSPITALITY!**



FEATHERY FINGERS TOUCH SPECIAL CONTROLS AND THE **MASKED MAN-HUNTERS** GO SOARING UPWARD INTO THE AIR...

**YEOW!** WE-- WE'RE FLOATING! IF WE DON'T GET OUT OF THIS BIND, WE'LL BE LIKE DUCKS IN A BARREL FOR THE **MOTH-MEN!**



THIS MUST BE A GRAVITY-FREE CHAMBER--MAKING US WEIGHTLESS--THE SAME SORT OF CHAMBER THE ASTRONAUTS USE TO PRACTICE ORBITAL FLIGHTS IN!

UNKNOWN TO THE STRUGGLING CRIME-FIGHTERS, **BATGIRL** IS HOT ON THEIR HEELS...

**OH! WAIT!** I HAVE AN IDEA! DON'T GO 'WAY NOW!



**DON'T GO 'WAY?** IS SHE KIDDING!?



RACING BACK TO THE **MOTHMOBILE**, THE RESOURCEFUL GIRL REMOVES THE MAGNETIC TRACKING DEVICE PUT UNDER ITS FENDER BY **ROBIN**.



I'LL TIE THIS MAGNET ABOUT ONE OF MY BOOTS!

MOMENTS LATER...

THE METAL BASEBOARD HEATING STRIP WILL ANCHOR ME SECURELY THROUGH THE MAGNET-- SO GRAB HOLD, **BATMAN**!

HURRY UP! I HEAR THE **MOTH-MEN** COMING TO TAKE POT SHOTS AT US!



SLIDING HER MAGNETIC BOOT ALONG THE BASEBOARD, THE **DOMINOED DARE-DOLL** WHIPS HER ARM ABOUT AND THE WEIGHTLESS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** GO FLYING FORWARD...



GO GET 'EM, BOYS!



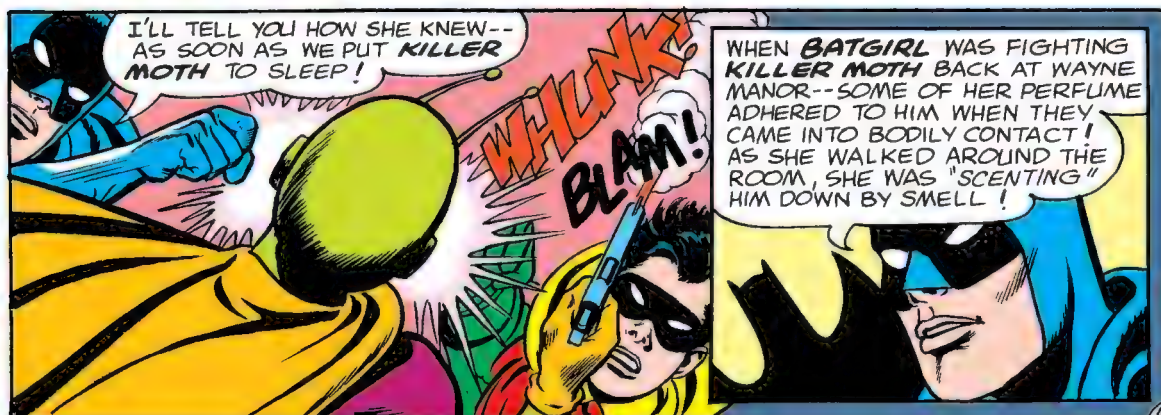
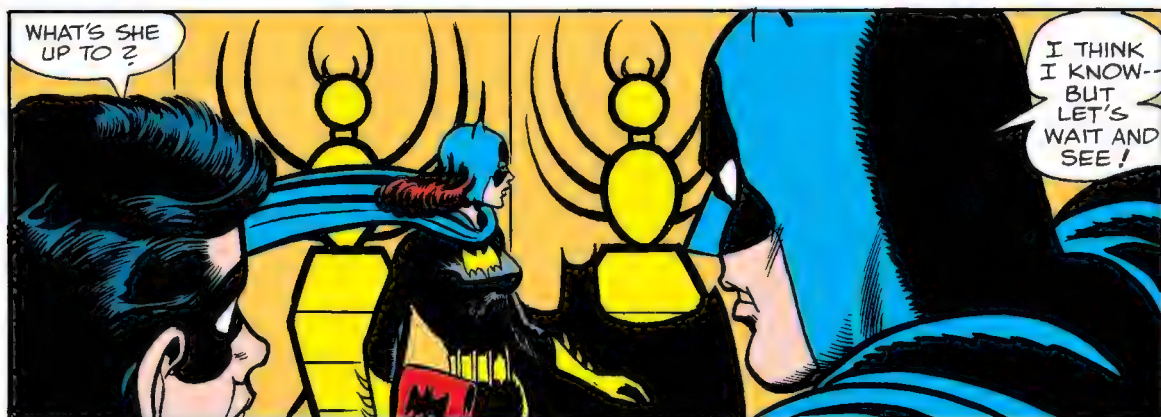
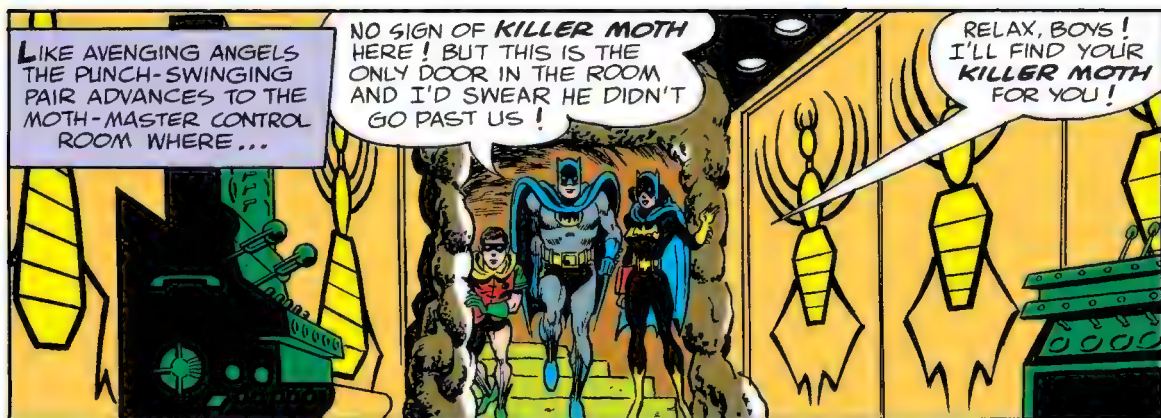
SAVAGE FISTS ROCK AND SOCK IN UNISON...



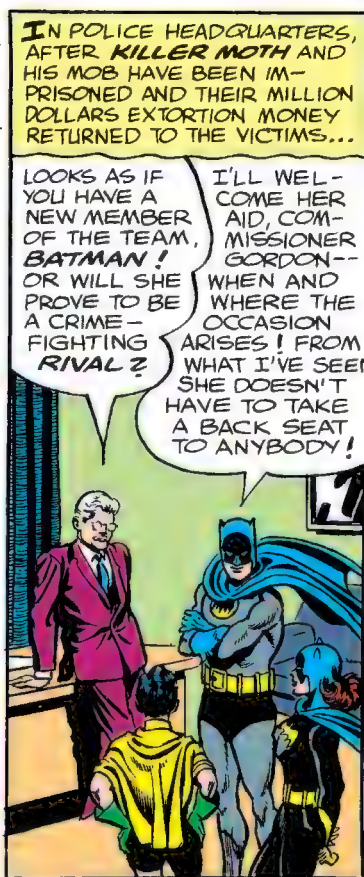
TAKE THIS ONE, **ROBIN**!

HE'S "TOKEN" **BATMAN**!





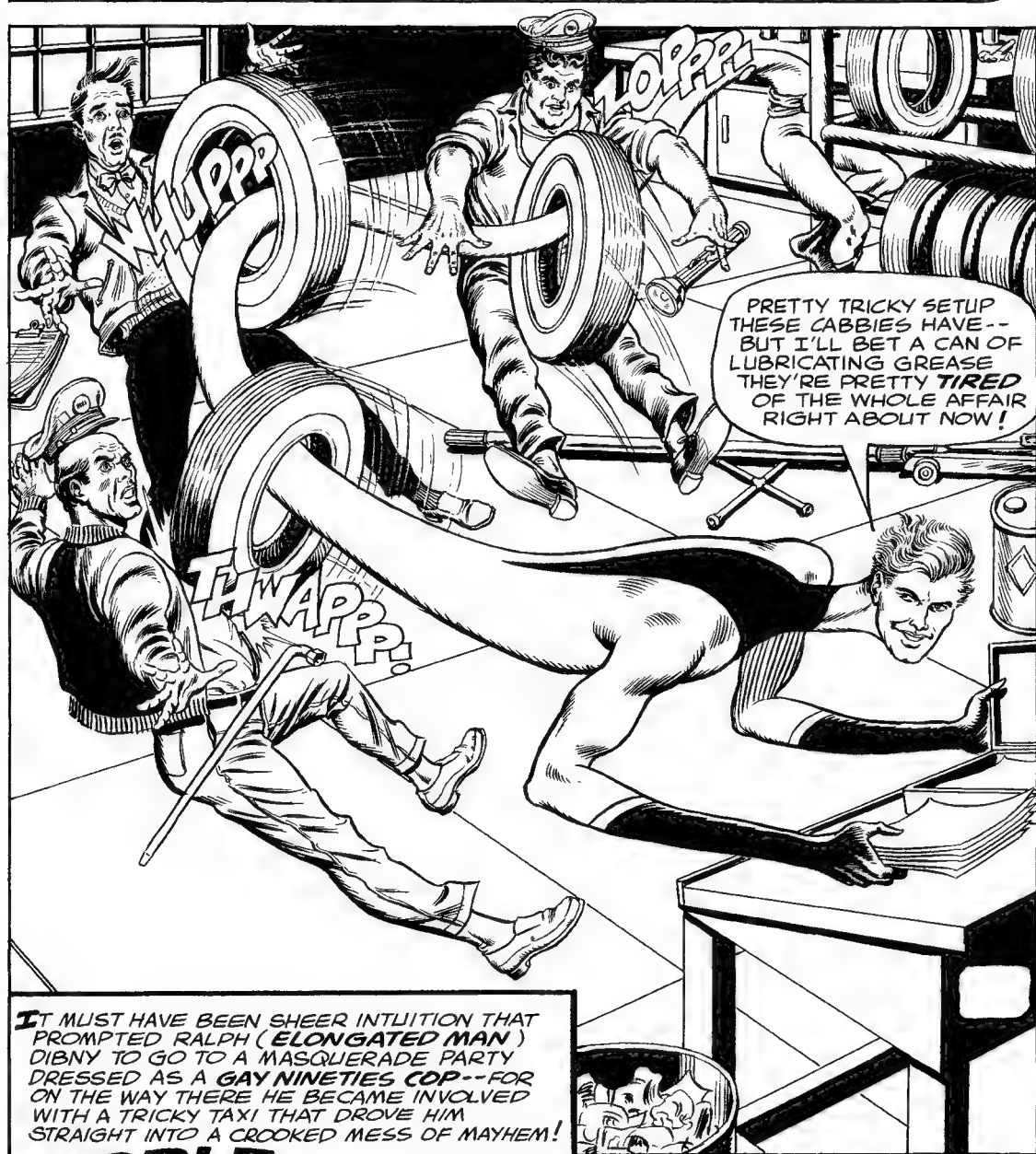






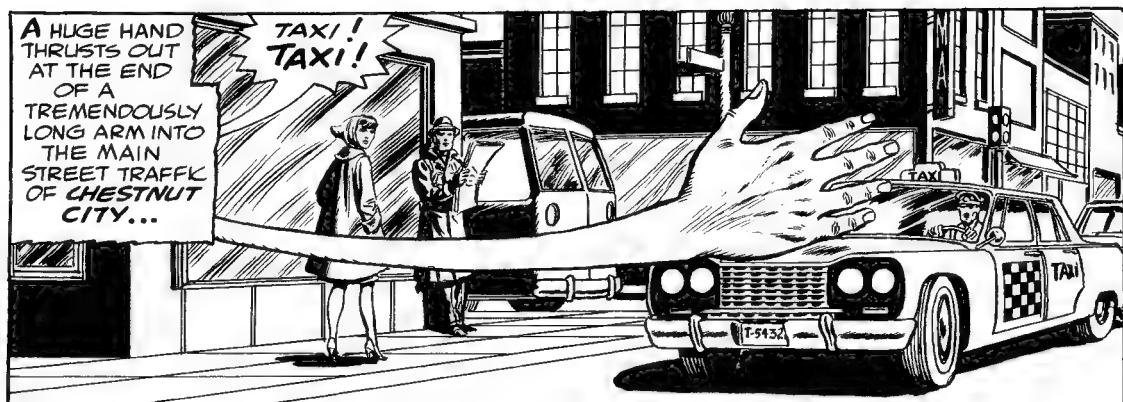


# The ELONGATED Man



## RIDDLE OF THE SLEEPYTIME TAXI!!





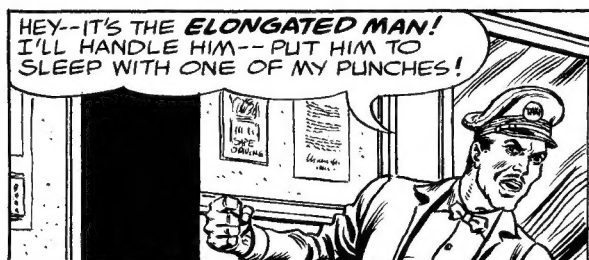




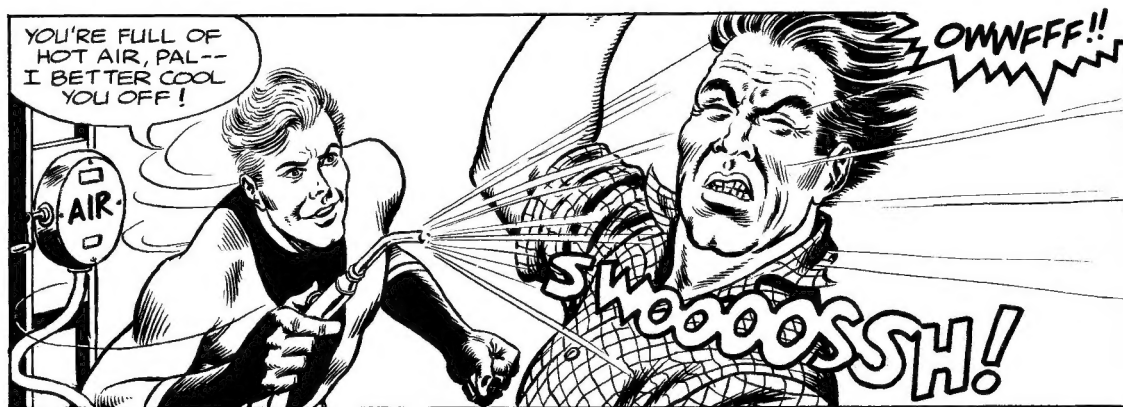


















AN EQUALLY GRATEFUL FOREIGN DIPLOMAT ADDS HIS PRAISE TO THAT OF THE **CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENTS...**

I TOO MUST HAVE A WAY TO EXPRESS MY SPECIAL THANKS, **ELONGATED MAN**. IF YOU COULD ONLY GIVE ME A HINT...

NATURALLY, I WILL TAKE NOTHING FOR MYSELF. BUT...



AND SO, WHEN RALPH FINALLY SHOWS UP AT THE MASQUERADE PARTY...

OH!! FOR ME?!

A PRESENT FROM THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR, DEAR! HE INSISTED ON GIVING YOU THIS SPECIAL JEWEL AS A GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES!



AND--OF COURSE--IN GRATITUDE FOR MY HAVING KEPT HIS DOCUMENTS TOP SECRET!

THE LEAST I CAN DO--IN THE INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND GOOD WILL--IS TO ACCEPT IT!

